



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
DAVID G. SIMPSON ET AL.)
Serial No.: 09/991,373) Art Unit: 3738
Filed: November 16, 2001) Examiner: Sweet, Thomas
For: ELECTROPROCESSED COLLAGEN)

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

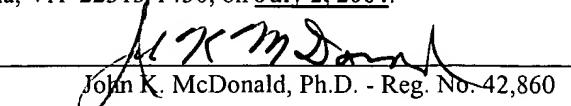
In response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 10, 2004, Applicants submit a one-month extension of time, which expires on July 10, 2004, and a complete response to the non-final Office Action. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims based upon the following amendments and remarks.

A check in the amount of \$55 is submitted for payment of the fee for a one-month extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-0855. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims based upon the following remarks.

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